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SUMMARY

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1. (C) THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT DECIDED JULY 21 TO
OFFER UNAMIR EXCESS MILITARY MATERIEL, INCLUDING
TRUCKS, JEEPS, GENERATORS, AND MOBILE KITCHENS, AS
WELL AS USE OF A FOKKER-27 CARGO PLANE. IN
ADDITION, DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER PRONK,
RETURNING FROM A VISIT TO THE REGION, INDICATED HE
MIGHT OFFER AN ADDITIONAL 10 MILLION GUILDERS IN

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HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ABOVE THE 24 MILLION GUILDERS ALREADY COMMITTED BY THE GON. IN A SUBSEQUENT MEETING JULY 22, THE GOVERNMENT -- AT PRONK'S URGING -- AGREED TO EXAMINE HOW THE NETHERLANDS COULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THE GOVERNMENT RULED OUT ANY MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN UNAMIR, BUT INDICATED THAT INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRIAN OPERATIONS WAS POSSIBLE. IN THIS REGARD, MOD OFFICIALS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO LINK UP WITH EXPANDING U.S. EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE

2. (LOU) IN A JULY 21 CABINET MEETING, THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO UNAMIR MILITARY EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY TOTALLING 8 MILLION GUILDERS (1 DOLLAR EQUALS 1.78 GUILDERS). THE
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EQUIPMENT, WHICH COMES FROM EXCESS MILITARY STOCKS INCLUDES: 50 FOUR-TON TRUCKS, 25 JEEPS, 15 AGGREGATE GENERATORS, AND 10 MOBILE KITCHENS. IN ADDITION TO THE EQUIPMENT, THE DUTCH HAVE OFFERED TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR 125 DRIVERS AND 10 MECHANICS. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, THE EQUIPMENT COULD BE READY TO GO IN A MATTER OF WEEKS, BUT THE SPEED WITH WHICH IT IS DELIVERED DEPENDS UPON THE U.N.'S RESPONSE AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH TRAINING IS NECESSARY.

3. (U) THE DUTCH PREVIOUSLY OFFERED, AND REMAIN PREPARED TO PROVIDE, MEDICINES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. BECAUSE OF THEIR EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT IN BOSNIA, HOWEVER, THEY ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE FIELD HOSPITALS AS REQUESTED BY THE U.N. THE DUTCH HAVE ALSO REITERATED A PREVIOUS OFFER TO MAKE AVAILABLE A F-27 CARGO PLANE FOR HUMANITARIAN AND LOGISTICAL FLIGHTS FROM KINSHASHA TO THE RWANDAN BORDER. THE NETHERLANDS ALREADY HAS A C-130 PARTICIPATING IN THE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF IN ZAIRE.

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4. (LOU) TO DATE, DUTCH ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA TOTALS 24 MILLION GUILDERS. TWO MILLION HAD BEEN PLEDGED BEFORE APRIL 7 TO THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP), DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS, AND MEMISA. THE 22 MILLION PLEDGED AFTER APRIL 7 INCLUDED:

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-- 4.0 MILLION TO WFP;
-- 3.0 MILLION TO UNHCR;
-- 3.0 MILLION THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS;
-- 0.96 MILLION TO UNICEF;
-- 0.5 MILLION TO THE TANZANIAN RED CROSS;
-- 0.88 MILLION TO MEMISA;
-- 0.37 MILLION TO PEOPLE IN DISTRESS/CARITAS
-- 0.66 MILLION TO DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS
-- THE BALANCE IS BEING KEPT IN RESERVE. (NOTE:
FOUR MILLION GUILDERS ARE RESERVED FOR NGO'S OF
WHICH 2.5 MILLION HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED.)

5. (LOU) IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE ASSISTANCE, MINISTER PRONK INDICATED UPON HIS RETURN FROM GOMA THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING AN ADDITIONAL 10 MILLION GUILDERS IN ASSISTANCE, WITH THE MAJORITY OF THIS TO BE DIRECTED TO UNHCR FOR ITS OPERATIONS IN GOMA, AS WELL AS TO DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS AND THE WFP. PRONK SAID HE CONSIDERED THE RWANDA CRISIS THE BIGGEST TRAGEDY HE HAD EVER WITNESSED, AND ADDED THAT AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, THERE WAS NO LIMIT TO WHAT COULD BE PROVIDED. PRONK MEET WITH PM

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LUBBERS, FM KOOIJMANS, AND DEFENSE MINISTER TER
BEEK JUNE 22 TO DIS
CUSS HIS TRIP TO GOMA AND URGE
GREATER DUTCH HUMANITARIAN AND MILITARY INVOLVEMENT.

PRONK PRESSING FOR MILITARY ROLE

6. (C) IN THE JULY 21 CABINET MEETING, THE
GOVERNMENT EXPLICITLY REJECTED DUTCH MILITARY

PARTICIPATION IN UNAMIR. NOT ONLY HAD SUCH ASSISTANCE NOT BEEN REQUESTED BY THE U.N., THE MOD POINTED OUT, BUT DUTCH PARTICIPATION IN RWANDA WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS GIVEN RWANDAN ANTAGONISM TO BELGIANS AND THE SIMILARITY OF THE DUTCH AND FLEMISH LANGUAGES. WHILE PRONK, WHO HAS TAKEN A TREMENDOUS PERSONAL INTEREST IN RWANDA, ACCEPTED THIS DECISION, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DUTCH MILITARY COULD SAFELY PLAY A ROLE IN ZAIRE. AS A RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS, LUBBERS, KOOIJMANS, AND TER BEEK AGREED TO EXAMINE HOW THE NETHERLANDS COULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE. SIGNIFICANTLY, THEY DID NOT RULE OUT DUTCH MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN RELIEF EFFORTS OUTSIDE OF RWANDA, THOUGH MOD OFFICIALS INDICATED SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD BE SMALL SCALE IF APPROVED.

7. (U) PRONK REGARDS THE RWANDAN CRISIS AS THE "GREATEST TRAGEDY" HE HAS EVER WITNESSED, AND BELIEVES THE U.N. AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN
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THE REGION CANNOT AVERT DISASTER WITHOUT A MAJOR MILITARY EFFORT. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE U.S. WOULD EMPLOY ALL AVAILABLE MILITARY MEANS TO MEET THE HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGE.

COMMENT

8. (C) DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER PRONK HAS MADE ASSISTANCE FOR RWANDA A PERSONAL QUEST, AND HE CONTINUES TO FOCUS PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL ATTENTION ON THE CRISIS. HE APPEARS DETERMINED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WITHIN HIS MINISTRY'S BUDGET TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, BUT HIS ABILITY TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS ABOUT MILITARY COMMITMENTS IS LIMITED. THE MOD, ALREADY DEEPLY COMMITTED IN BOSNIA (AND CONTEMPLATING A CONTRIBUTION TO AN EXPANDED UN FORCE IN HAITI), HAS PREVIOUSLY RESISTED CALLS FOR DIRECT DUTCH INVOLVEMENT. THIS STANCE APPEARS TO HAVE SHIFTED SLIGHTLY UNDER PRONK'S CONTINUED PRESSURE, BUT THE GOVERNMENT CLEARLY PREFERS TO LIMIT ITSELF TO HUMANITARIAN AND MATERIEL ASSISTANCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. DORNBUSH